



MediaWiki Cooperation

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MediaWiki

- MediaWiki is worth it! A tool for knowledge sharing
- WMF main business: run Wikimedia sites
- MediaWiki as a product is not their focus
- 3rd parties have different needs: installer, platform support, integration, configuration, extensions
- 3rd parties have different use cases: small wikis, specialized wikis, single server installations



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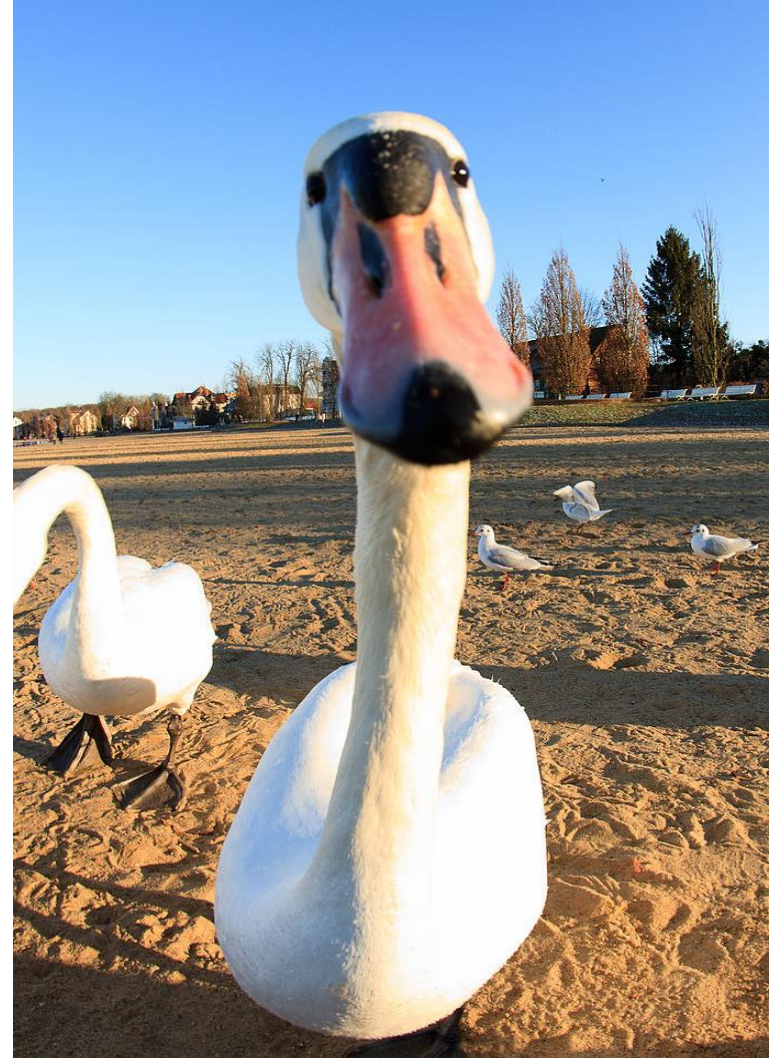
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Stakeholders

- Wikimedia Foundation (obviously)
- Tarball users (small scale users)
- Companies (large scale users)
- Developers (esp. extension builders)
- Technology providers (cloud, database, os)



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Environmental Scan

- Understand the overall situation
- Interviews with non-WMF users



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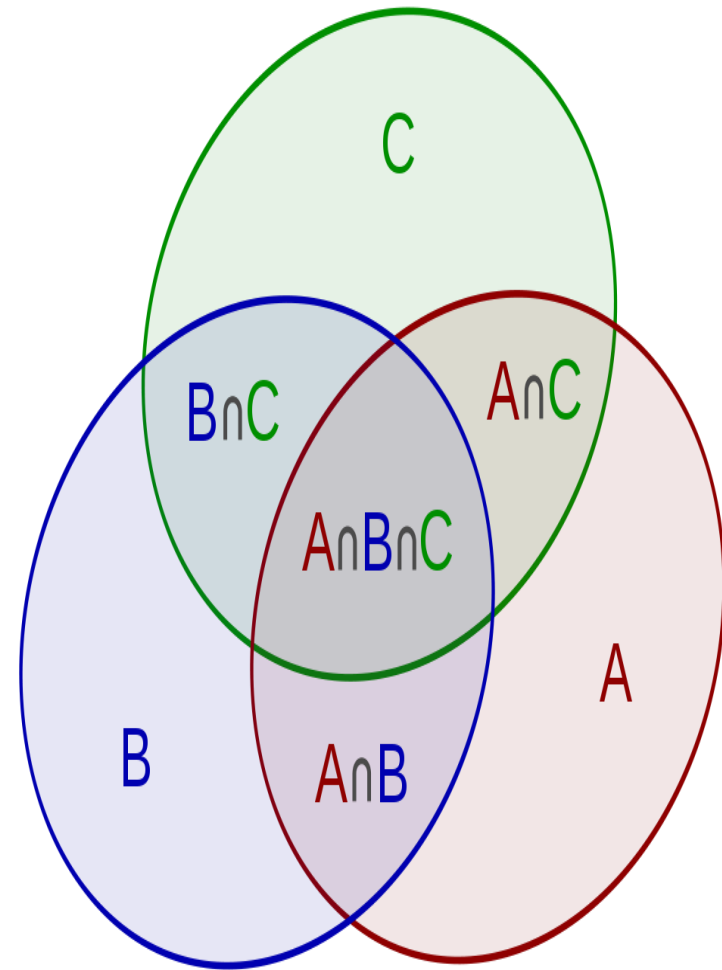
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Inclusion

- There is already a community
- MediaWiki.org as a documentation place
- Not a separate community, but a part of the existing one



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Impact

- Have a say in the development roadmap (breaking changes)
- Implementation power
- Bridge between users and devs
- Make MediaWiki a fantastic, widespread software!



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Form

- Form follows function 😊
- Initially: User Group
 - Unincorporated and flexible
 - No need for complex bylaws



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Timeline

- 08/2014 Initial Meeting @ Wikimania 2014
- 09/2014 Several online meetings
- 09/2014 Formation of action groups
- 10/2014 Application to AffCom requested
- Ongoing regular communication



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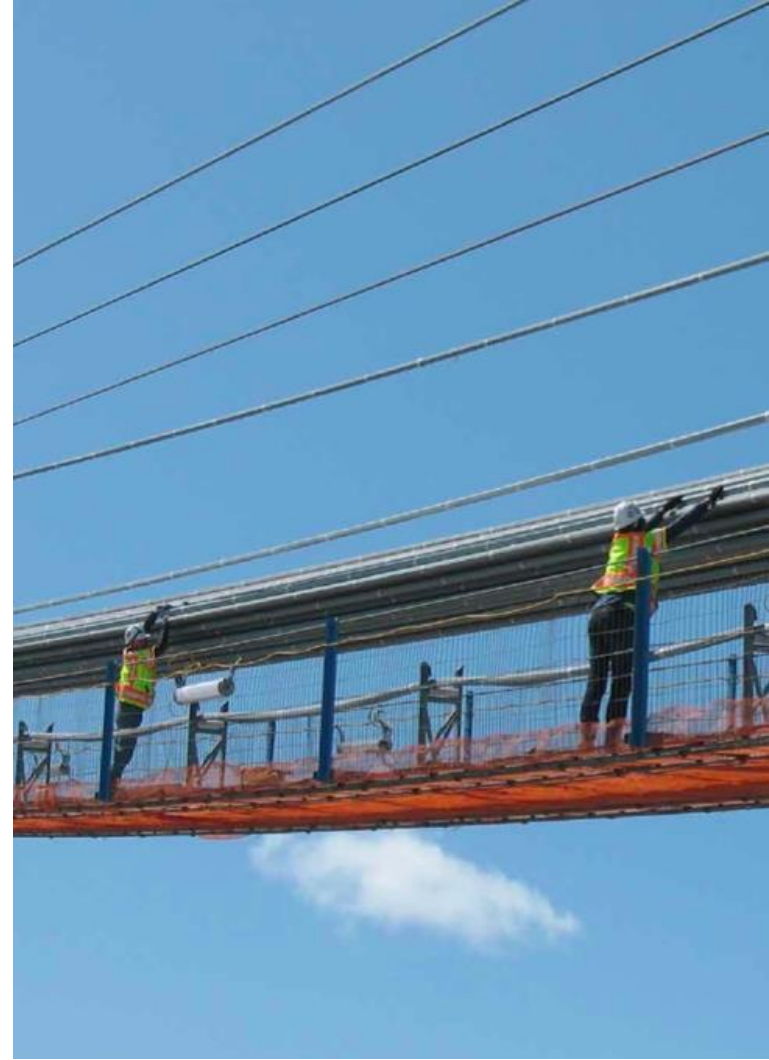
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Cooperation

- Communication and coordination among MediaWiki users.
- Coordination between different groups of MediaWiki developers and operators.
- Foster the ecosystem around MediaWiki.
- Facilitate implementation of MediaWiki features.
- Improve documentation of extensions and MediaWiki visibility.
- Contribute to the development of MediaWiki.



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Resources

- **Money:** Donations, Grant programmes, Crowdfunding, Corporate Social Responsibility
- **Humanpower:** Developers, Testers, Documenters, Moderators, Bridgebuilders



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Contribute

- Regular communication, monthly meetings, minutes
- Comment on WMF development roadmap
- Monitor breaking changes
- Define items for our own roadmap
- Identify implementation power



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